

REMARKS

The above amendments to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2004. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due reconsideration to this application, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-11 and 16-17 are under consideration in this application. Claims 8-10 are being amended, as set forth in the above marked-up presentation of the claim amendments, in order to more particularly define and distinctly claim applicants' invention.

Additional Amendments

The claims are being amended to correct formal errors and/or to better disclose or describe the features of the present invention as claimed. All the amendments to the claims are supported by the specification. In particular, the amendments to claims 8-10 are supported by "*difference between sites of individual such as stomach, large intestine and heart, difference between presence and absence of an artificial condition, for example, expression patterns before and after drug administration* (p. 22, last paragraph)." Applicants hereby submit that no new matter is being introduced into the application through the submission of this response.

Informality Rejections

Claims 8-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for the recitation of "individual's sites," and "presence and absence of an artificial condition" being vague and indefinite. As indicated, the claims have been amended as required by the Examiner. Accordingly, the withdrawal of the outstanding informality rejections is in order, and is therefore respectfully solicited.

Allowed Subject Matters

Claims 1-7, 11, 16 and 17 were allowed.

Conclusion

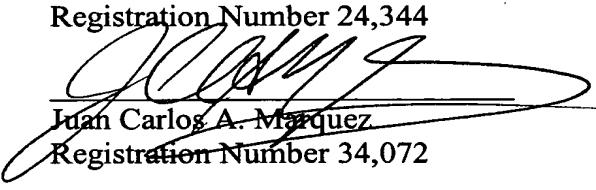
In view of all the above, Applicants respectfully submit that certain clear and distinct differences as discussed exist between the present invention as now claimed and the prior art references upon which the rejections in the Office Action rely. These differences are more than sufficient that the present invention as now claimed would not have been anticipated nor rendered obvious given the prior art. Rather, the present invention as a whole is distinguishable, and thereby allowable over the prior art.

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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